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Transmitted herewith for filing is the ☐ patent application,  
☐ design patent application, ☒ continuation-in-part patent application of

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For: **METHODS FOR TARGETED ELECTROSURGERY ON CONTAINED HERNIATED DISCS**

☒ This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:  
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09/268,616 / March 15, 1999; 08/990,374 / December 15, 1997; 08/485,219 / June 7, 1995; 09/026,851 / February 20, 1998;  
08/690,159 / July 18, 1996

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 49 sheet(s) of ☐ formal ☒ informal drawing(s).  
☐ An assignment of the invention to ArthroCare Corporation  
☒ A ☐ signed ☒ unsigned Declaration & Power of Attorney.  
☐ A ☐ signed ☐ unsigned Declaration.  
☐ A Power of Attorney by Assignee.  
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 ☐ is enclosed ☐ was filed  
in the earliest of the above-identified patent application(s).  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97.  
☐ A petition to extend time to respond in the parent application of this continuation-in-part application.

In view of the unsigned Declaration as filed with this application and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(d), Applicant requests  
deferral of the filing fee until submission of the Missing Parts of Application.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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